Construction of roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana in Uttaranchal

†2508. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of roads of Almora district in Uttaranchal State proposed to be constructed under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana during 2003-2004;

(b) whether the Pokhri Mergaon-Satyon bus route is also proposed to be constructed under the scheme;

(c) if so, by when said route is likely to be sanctioned; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) to (d) The proposals for construction of roads under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana in Uttaranchal during 2003-04 have not so far been received from the State Govt.

Targets of SHGs under SJGSY

†2509. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how the targets of Self Help under the Swam Jayanti Gramin Rozgar Yojana are fixed in States:

(b) whether all the States have fulfilled their targets;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether all such organized Self Help Groups are being financed from banks and other for promotion of self-employment; and

(e) if not, what measures Government propose to take to help these Self-Help Groups to be funded by NGOs and banks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) No target is fixed under the SGSY for formation of Self-help groups.

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(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) Since inception of the Scheme, 15,09,159 SHGs have been formed all over the country. Out of this 1,23,409 number of SHGs have taken up economic activities for self-employment under the Programme with a total investment of Rs.7626.18 crores which includes Government subsidy and Bank credit.

(e) Apart from the groups given subsidy and credit for setting up microenterprises, a large number of groups have been given Revolving Fund Assistance under the programme of credit linked under the SHG Bank linkage programme of NABARD.

Funds to Bihar under Swajaldhara Yojana

†2510. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the amount as assistance proposed to be disbursed to Bihar during the current financial year under Swajaldhara Yojana?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): Rs. 873.725 lakh have been allocated to the Government of Bihar for implementation of Swajaldhara projects, during 2003-2004.

Assistance to destitutes of over 65 years

†2511. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government provide full amount of additional assistance to all the destitute beneficiaries of over 65 years receiving pension, if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government provide amount of additional Central Assistance for the sake of all beneficiaries of National Family Assistance Scheme, if not, the reasons therefor; and

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